

Dear Members of Labor and Public Employees Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Genesis Perez and I live in Hartford, Connecticut. I support Senate Bill No. 1178: *An Act Expanding Connecticut Paid Sick Days*.

Paid sick days are important to me because bills don't take sick days.

Paid sick time helps me because it allows me to care for myself and my well-being. A healthy employee is a happy employee. As a Puerto Rican woman, a paid sick days policy that includes my extended family both in my care plan and in my role as the caretaker is the only one that would keep me happy!

I got into a car accident a couple of years ago and injured my right foot. I work in the restaurant service industry, which requires me to be on my feet for long periods. Although I've come a long way recovering from the injuries, some days are harder than others. Paid sick time has been a big help in my life when I have to take a day off or two to rest my foot. Please make sure that we have access to more hours, faster accrual, eliminate the waiting period, and let everyone have access to it regardless of employer size.

I want to work to pay my bills. I just need a little backup for when life happens and I end up sick or hurt.

I strongly support the expansion of paid sick days in our state. I hope the Committee and Connecticut lawmakers will vote favorably this year to strengthen Connecticut's paid sick leave law following the law outlined in S.B. 1178.

Thank you for your time,  
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